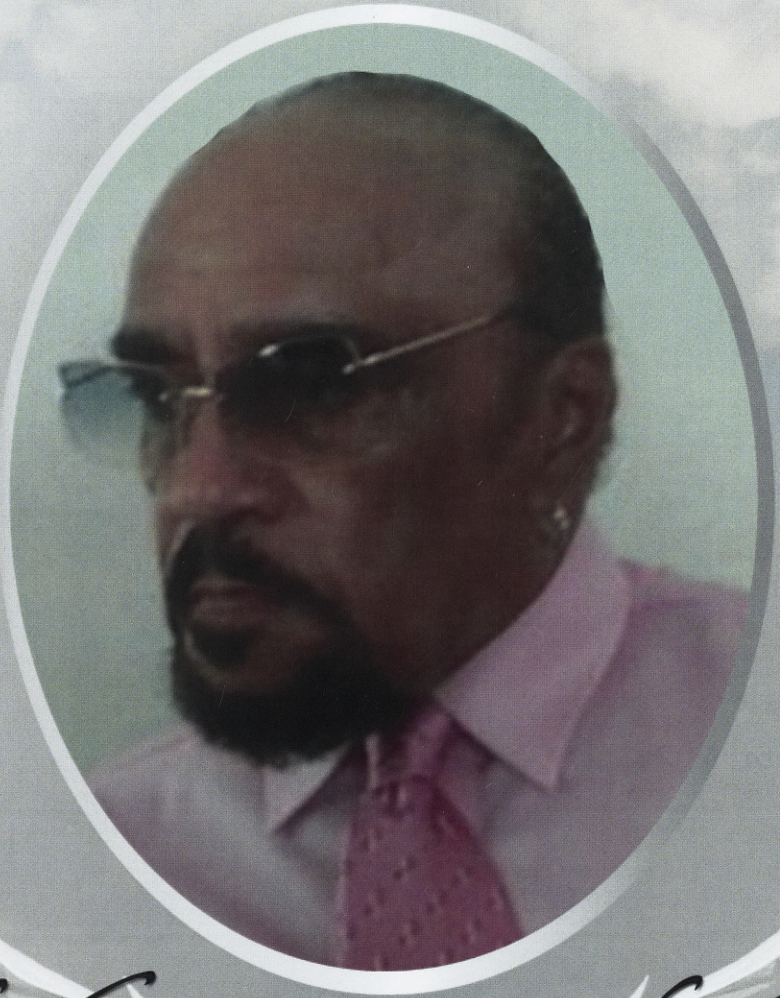
Celebration of Life



Sunrise:
February 21, 1941
New Orleans, LA

Sunset:
October 27, 2017
Hercules, CA

Milton Mikell

SERVICE HELD

Tuesday, November 14, 2017 11:00 A.M.

Center Of Hope Community Church
8411 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland, CA 94605

Officiant Pastor Brondon Reems

Obituary

Milton "Big Twin" Mikell was born, February 21, 1941, the second of identical twins with Melvin "Lil Twin" Mikell in New Orleans, Louisiana to William and Leona Mikell. They joined their siblings Calvin, Bernie Rose, and Robert (little sister Linda would come two years later). Milton was preceded in death by his parents William and Leona Mikell; three sisters, Willie Mae Mikell, Mae Shell Mikell: Bernie Mikell-Mitchell; and three brothers Charles Henry Mikell, Calvin Reed Mikell, & Melvin Mikell (twin).

While in primary school, Milton received many accolades for his talents in baseball. His parents instilled the principles of God to their children early in life and attendance at their family church, First Church of God in Christ New Orleans, Louisiana, was always mandatory. In 1957, The Mikell Family relocated to Oakland, California where Milton attended Oakland High School and Oakland Technical High School. He and his family became members of the Ephesians COGIC in Berkeley, California where he accepted Christ as his personal savior.

In 1958 he met Betty M. Ellis, he worked very hard delivering phone books to purchase her a ring and on October 19, 1958 they were married. To this union four beautiful daughters were born, Yalaunda, Shery, Tina, & Kijana, (ystk4).

Milton was an extraordinary man with many talents, one of which was carpentry a skill he learned from his father William Mikell. Milton worked for 30 years at Grove Valve & Regulators as a burner, welder, & crane operator. During his tenure there received a safety award for his quick thinking which prevented several employees from getting injured. After retiring from Grove, he would go on to start his own business A Amazing Janitorial Service, providing quality janitorial services to the Matilda Cleveland Transitional Housing, Center of Hope, & other businesses.

As a long-standing member of the Center of Hope Community Church Milton enjoyed serving in the food feeding ministry, & was a member of the Christian Crusaders.

Known to be cool, suave, debonair, & some would say fine as wine, he took pride in looking & feeling good so he made sure to exercise regularly (which included walking, bike riding, & lifting weights), he loved cool hats, & he never left home without a cool pair of shades. He & Betty would turn heads every time they walked into a building because they were always sharp! He enjoyed traveling, visiting family, friends, & going out to eat at Mexicali Rose. He enjoyed entertaining & cooking for his family, friends, & church members, he was known for his gumbo, bbq, bread pudding, & was commissioned to make hog head cheese for the late Elder Mary Lance who always would say "Milton, don't forget my hog head cheese." He enjoyed assisting his neighbors in any way he could, whether it was with their cars, working on their yards, or simply giving them advice.

The one thing that everyone knew about Milton (Big Twin) is that he would spend hours every day talking on the phone to his twin brother Melvin (Lil Twin). He talked to him while working in the yard, on the way to church, watching television, & even while in the shower! At times they would call different family members together, tell corny jokes, & have you in stitches before the end of the call. In true twin fashion, they occasionally dressed alike, their bond was immeasurable.

Milton was the backbone of his family, a great provider, the one everyone would call if they needed advice & he was more than happy to share. He was adamant about teaching his girls to be strong, loving, independent, & respectful young ladies with a spiritual background. At times he would even comb his girl's hair & he always told them (even as adults) that if anyone bothers you to let them know you're going to tell your Daddy! He absolutely adored his grand/great grandchildren & often gave them loving nicknames. He cherished spending time with his family, listening to music, & singing his favorite songs; At Last & Let The Church Say Amen.

Milton is survived by his loving wife of 59 years Betty Mikell, daughters; Yalaunda (Luther) Clayton , Shery Burton, Tina (Elden) Walker, Kijana (James) Moreland II; Denise (Freddie) Young, son Anthony (Sheila) Mikell; Seven grand- children Charles & Mykle Burton, Keith & Kevin Walker, Whitney & Alexas Archie, & Ardie J Moreland III; Four great grandchildren Shemya Burton, Jenayah & Jelah Jackson, & Robynn Davis; One brother Robert Mikell, & One sister Linda Meredith; two brother in laws Barry Ellis (Janice), Jessie Ellis Jr. (Cecelia); two sister in laws Brenda Ellis, Karen Ellis; a host of relatives, friends, & church family.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional

Prayer

Scriptures
Old Testament - Bro. Eddie Arnold
New Testament - Minister Wylie Knuckles

Celebration In Song
"Let the Church Say Amen"
Center of Hope Praise Team

Tribute From Daughters
Yalaunda Mikell-Clayton
Shery Burton
Tina Walker
Kijana Mikell-Moreland

Expressions
(2 minutes please)
Pastor Johnnie Riley, Center of Hope Pittsburg
Pastor Christine Liddell, Power For Living Ministries
Deacon Don Evans, Center of Hope Deacons Board
Apostle Dr. Cynthia Chess, Mountain's Hope Community Church
Bishop Damon Bridges, Restoration For Life Ministries
Kay Peterson & Terry Taylor
Jerry 'Scar' Broussard
Pastor, Dr Lodgie James

Video Montage

Celebration In Song
Minister Debra Jones

Resolution
Center Of Hope Community Church
Allen Temple Baptist Church

Musical Selection

Acknowledgements, Cards & Condolences

Reading of the Obituary

Celebration In Song
Minister Debra Jones

Eulogy
Pastor Brondon Reems
Center of Hope Community Church

Parting View
Family Only

Benediction

Recessional

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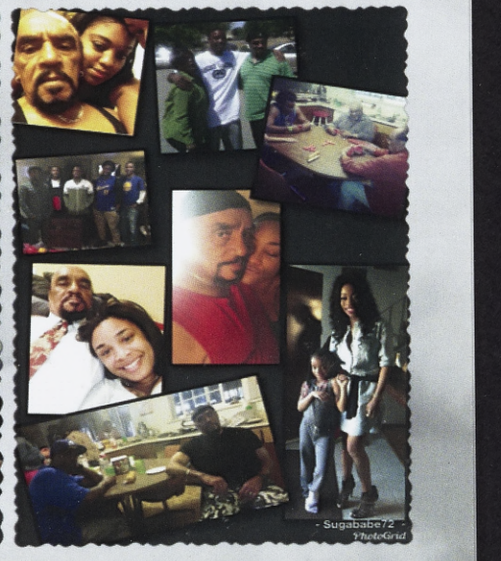
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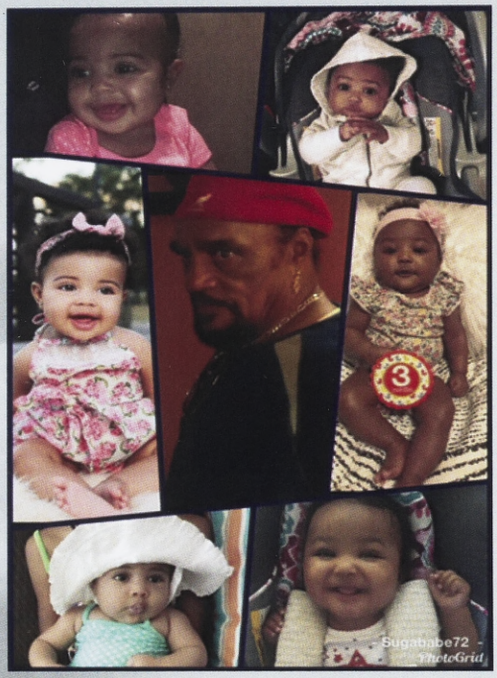
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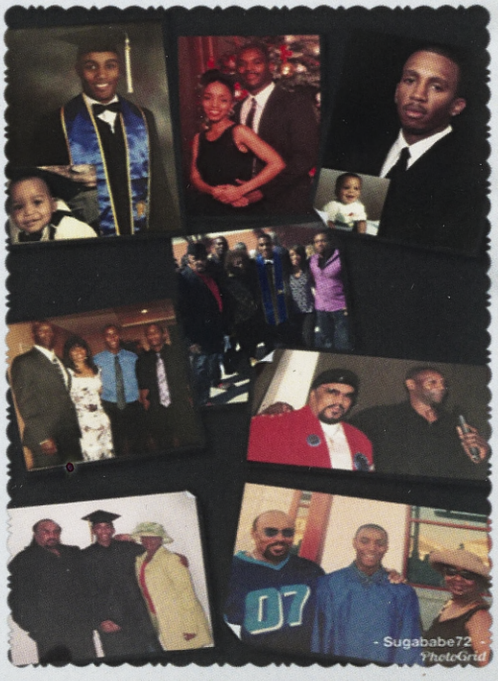
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Missing You

I will miss you tremendously Mike. I cannot do all of the things that you did around the house but I will do my best to remember some of them. I have enjoyed so many fun times together. I will miss you Mike more than you will ever know.
Loving you forever
Betty

Daddy's Girls

We will always remember your smile, all of the morals, and values you instilled in us. You raised us to be strong women and for that we all thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Your legacy will live on through all of us and our children.
Thank You Daddy!

Thank you for being our Rock!

Active Pallbearers

KEITH C. WALKER
MYKLE T. BURTON
KEVIN M. WALKER
ARDIE J. MORELAND III
EDWARD D. REASON
MAZI L. MACONDRAY

Honorary Pallbearers

CHARLES E. BURTON
BARRY E. ELLIS
JESSE ELLIS JR
HERMAN MIKELL
ALEX MACONDRAY
CALVIN BURNETT

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THANK YOU TO MY FAMILY, FRIENDS AND LOVED ONES WHO SHARED WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT AND PRAYED WITH ME AND MY FAMILY. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR LOVE AND SUPPORT.
BETTY MIKELL AND FAMILY

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